

H.R. 4613, H.R. 4477, and H.R. 4162 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 561 was ordered reported, without amendment.

BROKEN PROMISES: ASSESSING VA'S SYSTEMS FOR PROTECTING VETERANS FROM CLINICAL HARM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Broken Promises: Assessing VA's Systems for Protecting Veterans from Clinical Harm". Testimony was heard from Sharon Silas, Director, Health Care Team, Government Accountability Office; John Daigh, Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Steven Lieberman, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

THE HOUSE CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE: EVALUATING PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The House Calendar and Schedule: Evaluating Practices and Challenges". Testimony was heard from Ida Brudnick, Specialist on Congress, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Susan Clarke Schaar, Clerk of the Senate, General Assembly, Virginia; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine measuring economic inequality in the United States, after receiving testimony from Gabriel Zucman, University of California, Berkeley; Heather Boushey, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, D.C.; and Eric Zwick, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, Illinois.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine implementing the 2018 Farm Bill, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Com-

mission, focusing on the spectrum auctions program, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold closed hearings to examine the situation in Syria and the wider region, 9 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Security, to hold hearings to examine improving security at America's airports, focusing on stakeholder perspectives, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the status of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and related energy security issues, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine reducing emissions while driving economic growth, focusing on industry-led initiatives, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2132, to promote security and provide justice for United States victims of international terrorism, S. 2511, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide the Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States and Supreme Court Police with the authority to protect the Chief Justice of the United States, any Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and other individuals in any location, and the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, John Fitzgerald Kness, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Lee Philip Rudofsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Justin Reed Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Danielle J. Hunsaker, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Steven J. Menashi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, William Joseph Nardini, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jodi W. Dishman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Karen Spencer Marston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Richard Earnest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Anuraag Singhal, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Daniel Mack Traynor, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, and David M. DeVillers, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing entitled “To Review Implementation of USDA Farm Bill Research Programs”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: Chronic Wasting Disease”, 10 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: The Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program”, 2 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019”; H.R. 4665, the “Medicare Vision Act of 2019”; H.R. 4671, the “Help Seniors Afford Health Care Act”; H.R. 4618, the “Medicare Hearing Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4650, the “Medicare Dental Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets, hearing entitled “Examining Corporate Priorities: The Impact of Stock Buybacks on Workers, Communities, and Investors”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Promoting Inclusion: Examining the Need for Diversity Practices for America’s Changing Workforce”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, hearing entitled “Defending the Homeland from Bioterrorism: Are We Prepared?”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability, hearing entitled “The Public’s Right to Know: FOIA at the Department of Homeland Security”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled “Voting Rights and Election Administration in America”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Strengthen the Voting Rights Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing on the Federal Bureau of Prisons and Implementation of the First Step Act”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 2420, the “National Museum of the American Latino Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “The Case for Climate Optimism: Realistic Pathways to Achieving Net Zero Emissions”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 2795, the “Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3742, the “Recovering America’s Wildlife Act of 2019”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “The Administration’s Decision to Deport Critically Ill Children and Their Families”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4091, the “ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 2051, the “Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019”; and H.R. 1709, the “Science Integrity Act”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Can Opportunity Zones Address Concerns in the Small Business Economy?”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “China’s Maritime Silk Road Initiative: Implications for the Global Maritime Supply Chain”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Investing in The U.S. Health System by Lowering Drug Prices, Reducing Out-Of-Pocket Costs, and Improving Medicare Benefits”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Cleaner, Stronger Buildings”, 9 a.m., 2020 Rayburn.